(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*) above.

* *Appointment of Advisoy Committees to K.S.R.T.C. Divisions.*

709. SRI H. LINGAREDDY (Kurugodu) :—Will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state :

the reasons for not appointing Advisory Committees to K.S.R T.C. though recommendations have been sent to Government from K.S.*R*.T.C. ?

SRI MOHAMMED ALI (Minister for Transport and Tourism) :—

Re-constituting of the Divisional Advisory Councils of all the Divisions of KSRTC is under the consideration of the Government.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(*i*) *re*: *attachment of I.P. sets to recovery arrears of loans from ryots in Gulbarga District*

SRI D. B. KALMANRAR (Aland) .—I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the attachment of I. P. sets of ryots in order to recover arrears of loans in Gulbarga District.

SRI *N*. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue): I wish to make the following statement.

Government is aware that there were successive drought conditions in certain parts of the State. Government have given general instructions to all the *R*evenue officers to collect the Govt. dues and overdue instalments of loans. The Member will appreciate that it is necessary to recover Govt. dues and long overdue instalments

of loans. However, it is not the intention of the Government to harass the poor and helpless agriculturists during the process of recovery of arrears. Strict instructions have been issued, from time to time, to tackle the well-to-do agriculturists for recovery of overdue loans. The Member will appreciate that even in drought affected areas, persons who have taken loans for well sinking and for tractors would be in a position to pay back the overdue instalments of loans. It has been the experience of Government that only very well-to-do persons try to avoid payment of Govt. dues. In such cases, it is unavoidable for the Revenue officers to take up coercive measures for the recovery of such arrears. The Revenue officers take up coercive measures only as a last resort. Coercive measures are taken up only against persons who are in a position to pay but try to avoid payment of overdue instalments of loans. Therefore the Member will appreciate that no such steps are taken which will harass the poor and helpless agriculturists.

SRI D. B. KALMANKAR :—Has it come to the notice of the Government that even the small farmers who are having only 3 to 4 acres are being harassed and your Revenue Inspectors are taking very very coercive measures and they have been insulting the people? Some of the ryots have been put to dark rooms. Will the Government issue instructions to the officers concerned and see that small holders are not harassed in such a manner?

SRI N. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA :—Instructions have been given not to harass the poor people who are due to Government. I have not received any complaints. If there are any such instances and if the Hon. Member brings them to the notice of the Government, we will issue proper Instructions to Government officers.

SRI D. B. KALMANKAR :—If we approach the Deputy Commissioner with such concrete instances, he says that he has not received any such instructions. It is a fact

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that it has been assured on the floor of the House that small holders will not be harassed for payment of dues to Government. But even then coercive measures are being taken against the small farmers for recovering the dues in one lump pending for the last 10 years. Will the Government consider and issue instructions to take some instalments this year and give some time for payment of the remaining amount next year and thereafter?

SRI N. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA.—Action of the Deputy Commissioner depends upon the circumstances of each case. Therefore, I cannot ask the Deputy Commissioners not to collect any dues from the ryots. If there are specific cases of poor ryots and if these cases are brought to the notice of the Government, we issue instructions as I have already promised.

(*ii*) *Re*: Murder of a harijan boy at kyasegere Kolar District.

SRI M. B. *RAMASWAMY* (Anekal):—I call the attention of the Hon. Chief Minister to the murder of a Harijan boy at Kyasagere village, *Sidlaghatta* Taluk, Kolar District.

SRI S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs):—On behalf of the Chief Minister I with to make the following Statement:

On 18th January 1975 the house of one Kothapalli Chowdappa of Kyasagere Village in Dibburhalli Police Station in Siddlaghatta taluk of Kolar District was burgled by some unknown persons. Gold ornaments and cash worth Rs. 1,950/- were stolen. The said Chowdappa suspected one Harijan Narasappa of the same village and his son Narayana. Patel Papi *Reddy* of Kyasagere village sent information on 1st January 1975 to Dibburhalli Police Station about this burglary. The Sub-Inspector of Police